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VIA FOIAonline

Joe Wertz
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411 A Highland Ave.
Somerville, MA 02144

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request: EPA-R6-2018-009132

Dear Mr. Wertz:

This letter concerns the above-referenced FOIA request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on June 29, 2018, in which you requested,

“...Copies of all email communications regarding the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load, also known as a TMDL, in the Illinois River Watershed or impaired water bodies in Arkansas and Oklahoma sent or received from June 1, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed...”

On June 27, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency informed you two originally withheld documents contain reasonably segregable information that may be released. The remaining material is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 5 of the FOIA. EPA Region 6 is providing you a supplemental release of the responsive records that may be released. The records are enclosed with this response and have also been uploaded to the FOIAonline system. You can also access your records by going to FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> and searching by your FOIA request number.

As previously mentioned in EPA’s June 27, 2019 letter (“Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal No. EPA-HQ-2019-003446 (Request No. EPA-R6-2018-009132)), which constituted EPA's final determination on this matter – pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B), you may obtain judicial review of this determination by filing a complaint in the United States District Court for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or the district in which the records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, as part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD, 20740-6001 ; e-mail, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448; and fax, 202-741-5769.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kathryn Le at le.kathryn@epa.gov or (202) 564-7701.

Sincerely,

7/15/2019

 Suzanne Andrews

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Signed by: Environmental Protection Agency

Acting Deputy
Regional Counsel

Enclosures

Message

From: Gray, David [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=881C62B1E54142388C1DE2F8E3799C33-GRAY, DAVID]
Sent: 3/13/2018 5:31:00 PM
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